

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-13 and 17-19 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 17, and 19 have been amended as a result of Response. Claims 1, 17, and 19 are independent claims.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the various objections and rejections and allowance of each of claims 1-13 and 17-19 is respectfully requested.

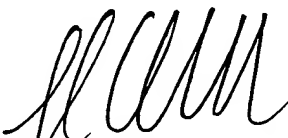
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact John A. Castellano at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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